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Wylie Arts Festival, Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting December 7

The City of Wylie and the Public Arts Advisory Board are proud to present the Wylie Arts Festival, December 7, from 10 am to 7 pm, at the FBC Wylie Event Center, 200 N. Ballard Avenue. Join us in historic downtown Wylie and shop for fine art and handmade crafts at more than 100 vendors; listen to the sounds of the season; and enjoy festive foods. Admission is free.

Parade & Tree Lighting

The tradition continues at 5:30 pm with the Festival of Lights Christmas Parade sponsored by First Baptist Wylie and the Downtown Merchants Association. Top off the evening with the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony at 7 pm featuring Mayor Eric Hogue's reading of *The Night Before Christmas* and Christmas music.

More than 100 Arts & Craft Vendors

The Wylie Arts Festival is the perfect opportunity to make a dent in your Christmas list or simply treat yourself. Shop from more than 100 vendors hand-picked by the Arts committee to ensure a diverse, unique selection of quality handmade fine art and craft items. From jewelry to home décor to clothing to paintings to gift items you will not find anywhere else, there is definitely something for everyone. And if that's not enough, the downtown merchants welcome you to stop by and discover the many shops in downtown Wylie lining Ballard Avenue.

Festive Foods

Historic downtown will be filled with more than just the sights and sounds of the holidays on December 1, the smell of festive food will be in the air. Choose from your favorite fair foods including funnel cake, kettle corn, turkey legs, corn dogs, tater twisters, and sausage on a stick. Or savor the BBQ, catfish, quesadillas, tacos, beans and rice, and more. Desserts? You will have to stop by and check out the selection.

Children's Activities

Kids will enjoy a selection of inflatables, a petting zoo, pony rides, and a barrel train. Other activities include sand art, face painting and caricatures. And check out our vendor's wide selection of handmade children's items. One of the much anticipated activities at this year's festival is the return of the Community Canvas. Kids of all ages will have the opportunity, under the supervision of an artist, to help create a masterpiece.

For more details on the Wylie Arts Festival go to www.wylietexas.gov/artsfestival